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For Cuban Masses, Portable Terror: Traveling Judge, Jury, Executioner

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A new device known as "death on wheels" is being used in Cuba to bring terror and firing squad justice to those who oppose the Fidel Castro Communist regime.

"Death on wheels" is a military vehicle which transports a traveling court, jury and executioners to the scene of uprisings, according to a report made last night by an anti-Castro group of United States citizens known as the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba.

It made public a study entitled "Terror and Resistance in Communist Cuba" sketching examples of what it said were hundreds of cases where

Cubans tried to show their revulsion at Communist oppression.

It added that the "increasingly repressive measures employed by the Cuban regime is a measure of the degree and intensity of disenchantment of Cubans with Castro and communism."

The report sketches many instances of action by the Cuban people—sometimes at the cost of their lives—to fight the Castro government in any way they can.

Informed sources here among exiles and others say that sabotage now is not so much a problem to the Castro regime as it once was because the dictatorship in Havana has adopted ever

sterner and more terrible methods to suppress it.

One method, said a member of the committee, is to go into an area where cane fields have been burned deliberately and line up a half dozen peasants, guilty or not, and shoot them. The effect is to terrorize the entire community, drive it from any anti-government action, and to put other peasants on guard against even accidental firings of cane fields, such as from lightning.

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